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Ottawa Campus Commencement Booklet—2021



**Reggies Wenyika,
EdD**

President,
OUKS

March 10, 2021

Dear OU Senior, Parent(s), Family and Friends,

Congratulations on achieving this lifetime milestone! Soon you will be joining a distinguished group of global citizens as only 6.7% of the world population has successfully completed a university degree. This will be Ottawa University's 155th anniversary commencement and I am looking forward to seeing you and your family on campus.

The Commencement ceremony is scheduled for May 1, 2021. It's time to begin making plans for that very special day/weekend, and in preparation this booklet includes pertinent information to assist with our planning.

Due to the impact of the pandemic, we were not able to hold our commencement last May. While that was a difficult decision to make, it was in the best interest of the health and well-being of our entire Ottawa University community. We are excited to gather and celebrate our graduates this May with two separate ceremonies.

As you can imagine, seating at such events is always a challenge with gathering limits and social distancing, and so to accommodate family and guests, each graduate will be allowed two (2) guests for admission to the ceremony. Guest names must be submitted to www.ottawa.edu/CommencementRSVP no later than Friday, April 23, 2021. The ceremony will also be broadcasted live.

We want to express a heartfelt thanks to our graduates' family and friends for their ongoing support and encouragement. Family and friends have sustained generations of OU students for more than 155 years. Thank you for continuing the tradition and go Braves!

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, May 1, 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Reggie Wenyika', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Dr. Regg



Attendance and Viewing Information

Questions

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Admission to Ottawa University's 2021 Commencement Ceremony at OUKS in Ottawa, Kansas, is limited to two guests per graduate for family and guests to attend the Commencement Ceremony inside the Fredrikson Chapel.

While there is limited seating available within the Fredrikson Chapel, the livestream link will be shared on Ottawa University's social media sites, as well as can be found online at www.ottawa.edu/commencement.

Photographs

Kramer Photos is the official photographer for Commencement. Photos may be ordered online and a link will be added to the website once available. Proofs will be sent to the address on file following Commencement and a display of offerings will be located in the Chapel Narthex prior to the ceremony. If you have questions, you may contact Kramer Photos directly at kramerphotos1@yahoo.com or visit their website at www.kramerphotos.com

Graduation Announcements

Questions

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Ordering

Orders can be placed through the Gangwish Library, Braves Fan Shop. Announcements may also be purchased by calling 800-433-0296 or online at (www.cbgrad.balfour.com). To order online, select the campus and graduation time.

Class Rings

If you are interested in ordering a class ring, you will find a wide variety of options by visiting www.jostens.com.

Local Dining Options

There are a variety of dining options throughout the Ottawa community. For the most up-to-date list of dining options, visit www.visitottawakansas.com.

Cap and Gown

Pick-up

Graduates who did not get their gowns at Grad Fair, may pick up their caps and gowns in the Gangwish Library, Braves Fan Shop.

Preparation of Gown

Gowns are packaged in plastic bags and should be removed and hung to allow the wrinkles to come out. You may find it helpful to hang it in the bathroom area to allow steam from a hot shower to help pull out wrinkles, or you may choose to steam them. Due to the gown material, a hot iron should **NOT** be used to remove wrinkles.

Student Commencement Regalia

Adornments, paraphernalia, messaging, or any other additions to commencement regalia issued to students specifically for this ceremony are **NOT** allowed unless specific prior approval is received from the University Registrar. Any approved additions to commencement regalia must be academic in nature, which includes appropriate cultural identification or accents that are historical in nature (tradition, academic honorary, heritage, etc.). Students seeking approval for adornments to their academic regalia must complete the Regalia Adornment Exception Form, which can be found by request in the Registrar's Office (Administration Building, Suite 204).

Questions

Sydney

Krueger

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Local Lodging Options

We hope the following information on motels will be helpful in finding lodging for the weekend.

Best Western

606 East 23rd Street
Ottawa, KS 66067

888-212-0452
785-242-2224

www.bestwestern.com

Comfort Inn

2335 South Oak Street
Ottawa, KS 66067

800-424-6423
785-242-9898

www.comfortinn.com

EconoLodge

2321 South Cedar Street
Ottawa, KS 66067

800-553-2666
785-242-3400

www.econolodge.com

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

2340 South King Street
Ottawa, KS 66067

888-465-4329
785-521-7009

www.ihg.com

Knights Inn

1641 South Main Street
Ottawa, KS 66067

877-242-6067
785-242-4842

www.knightsinn.com

Super 8 Ottawa

2315 South Oak Street
Ottawa, KS 66067

800-800-8000
785-242-5551

www.super8.com

Travelodge

2209 South Princeton Road
Ottawa, KS 66067

800-578-7878
785-242-7000

www.travelodge.com

Note

Inform the hotel personnel that your reservation is for Ottawa University's Commencement to see if a discount is available.



Parking

There are a total of seven parking lots on the Ottawa University, Ottawa campus. Six of those lots are open to general parking for Commencement weekend. There will be some shuttle services available from those lots. The general parking lots are located at:

- 11th and Mulberry Streets (southeast corner of campus)
- 11th and College Streets (south central entrance to campus)
- 11th Street between College and Cedar (south entrance to campus)
- Mulberry Street (east entrance to campus)
- 9th and Oak Streets (two lots; north central entrance to campus)

Additional parking is available along 11th Street east of Mulberry near the Dick Peters Sports Complex (noted at the top of the map below).

Online Resources

Visit the Ottawa University website at www.ottawa.edu/Commencement.

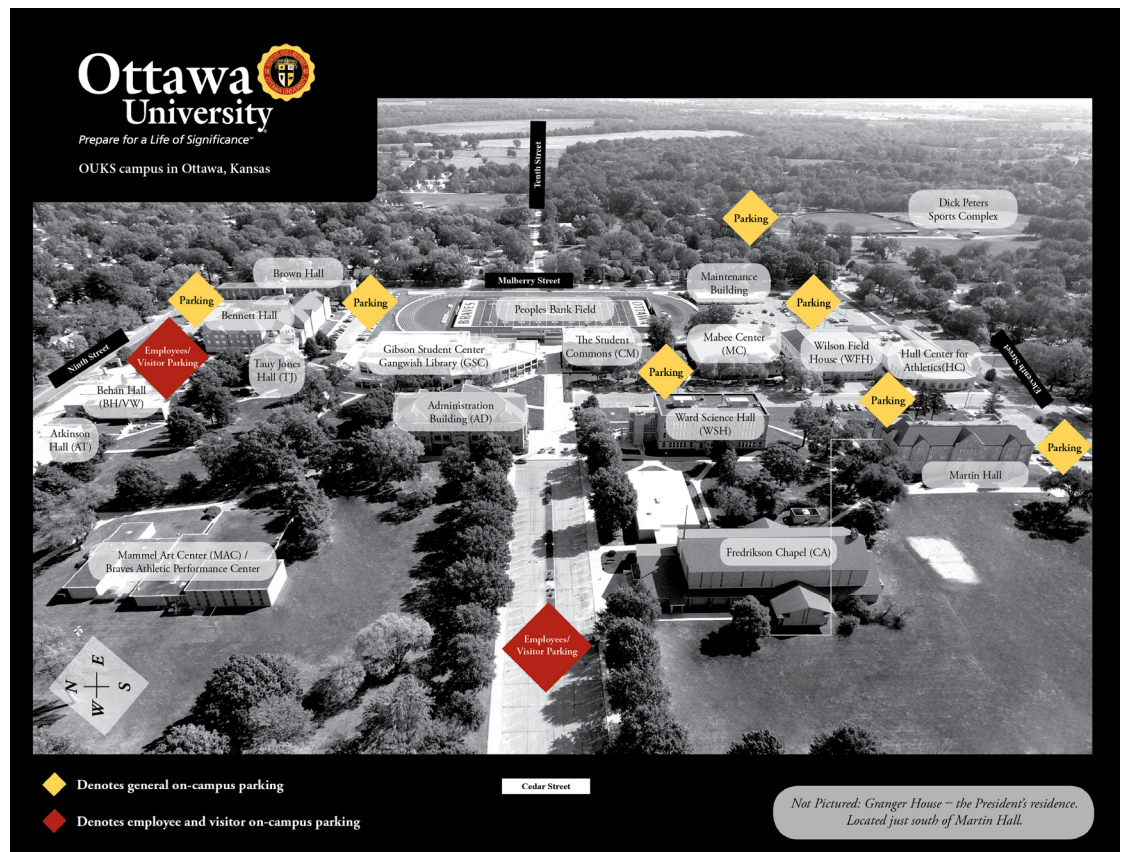
There you will find information concerning the 2020 Ottawa University Commencement. An electronic version of this booklet can be found there.

Handicap Parking

One lot is reserved for handicap parking and is referred to as the horseshoe parking lot. It is located at:

- 10th and Cedar Streets (west entrance to campus)

Campus Map



Future Plans

In the future, should you find yourself in need of creating new career opportunities, remember that Career Services is here to help you with the process.

Questions

Christine Currier
Adawe LifePlan
Center Advisor
785-248-2562

Special Assistance

If you have special needs or require assistance, please contact Kevin Moore with OU Campus Security at 785-214-0070. Feel free to communicate with us prior to the event date.

Whom to Contact

Cap, Gown, Ring, and Graduation Announcements

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Transcripts

www.ottawa.edu

Click on “Transcript Request” in the footer.

Lodging

Individual Motels

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General Questions

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